TRANSLATION OF

SUBJECT : Office of the Attache of the Ministry of Communications of the Japanese Embassy in China, located at 805 Ave.Foch.

REFERENCE : Japanese Embassy in China.
Protection of foreign notables residing in the French Concession.
Report No. 4789 of January 7, 1937.

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As mentioned in our report 1485/S of December 19, 1936 the installation at No. 805 Avenue Foch of the Office of the Attache of the Ministry of Communications to the Japanese Embassy in China. We also indicated in this report that the gentleman acting as Attache was Mr. T. YAMATO.

On January 7, 1937 the Municipality forwarded to us under reference No. 4789 a printed note from Mr. YAMATO (see translation attached of this document) and a rough plan indicating the location of No. 805 Avenue Foch.

According to enquiries put in hand, it appears that Mr. YAMATO, an officer of the Ministry of ~~the~~ Communications of the Japanese Government, has been detached to the Japanese Embassy in China, with a view to improving the present state of communications between the two countries. His most important work relates to matters affecting telegraph services, mails, maritime communications, aviation, radio, etc., etc.,.....

It is to be noted, however, that representatives of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai and the Telegraphic Administration of the Ministry of Communications of the Chinese Government, when approached by us, stated that they had not been informed of the installation in Shanghai of the offices of the Attache of the Ministry of Communications of the Tokyo Government. These two administrations knew nothing of the matter.

On the other hand, Mr. CHEN CHOW (陳 宙), Chief of the local office of the Waichiaoyun, No. 6 Tifang Road, informed our Chief Inspector No. 301 that about ten days ago he had received

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a visit from a member of the Japanese Embassy, who informed him of the existence of an office of the Attache of the Ministry of Communications of the Government at the Embassy at No. 25 Whangpoo Road and that the personnel of this office were residing at No. 805 Avenue Foch.

In finishing this report it should be stated that No. 805 Avenue Foch has been probably chosen for its proximity to the Japanese Embassy (128 Seymour Road) and to theresidence of Mr. IWAI, Commercial Attache (837, Avenue Foch).

December 15, 1936.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have been sent to Shanghai and attached to the Japanese Embassy in Shanghai by the Ministry of Communications with the object of introducing improvements in the realm of communications between China and Japan.

The necessary preparations, carried out by the Japanese Bureau of Telegraphs since November 11, 1936, now having been finished, offices have been installed on December 15 at the following addresses:-

First Office: No. 805 Avenue Foch, French Concession. Office of the Representative (Resident Official) of the Ministry of Communications.

Second Office: 2nd. Floor of the Japanese Embassy, No. 25 Whangpoo Road, Shanghai.

Signed: T. YAMATO.

Secretary of the Ministry of Communications and concurrently secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.